REMARKS

Amendments to the specification were made in order to comply with the rules governing nucleotide sequences. As required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 and 1.52 (e), Applicant submits herewith a paper copy of the Sequence Listing (2 pages) and one (1) diskette containing a computer readable form of the Sequence Listing, and a Statement in Support of Computer Readable Form. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application complies with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 and 1.52 (e). If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Applicants in this case are now entitled to small entity status. Please charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-557 PO (Cura 57PO).

Respectfully submitted,

Ivor R. Elrifi, Reg. No. 39,529 Kristin E. Konzak, Reg. No. 44,848

Attorneys for Applicants

c/o MĬNTZ, LÊVIN Tel: (617) 542-6000 Fax: (617) 542-2241

Customer No. 30623

Date: January 23, 2004